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Physical Screening and Testing: From Purpose to Research to Application

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Session Objectives:

- Discuss the purposes of different physical assessments
- Designing measures useful for assessing tactical personnel
- Applying assessments in the field



What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing
 - Injury prediction
 - Occupational capability
 - General health
 - Research



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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing
 - Why is this important to define?
 - To make the assessment fair
 - To make the assessment defensible



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What is the purpose of the test?

- General Tactical Forces
 - Examples of Push Up standards to enlist

	AFP	NSW Pol	VIC Pol	Q POL	NT POL~	TAS Pol	NZ Pol	UK Pol	Metro Pol Reno	LA /	ADF	QLD Fire & Rescue
Male	30	25*	5	N/A	5-25#	20	34	N/A	24		15**	N/A
Female	10+	25*	5	N/A		3	20	N/A	24		8	N/A

* On toes or knees

~ 2 sec cadence

Based on scoring system (5 repetitions = 2 points: 25 repetitions = 10 points)

+ Specialist is 30 reps

** 66 Repetitions to a 1:2 cadence for Special Forces

What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Setting standards

- Male scores – 22 Repetitions



- Female scores – 15 Repetitions



What if the PASS score was 20 Repetitions?

- Would that account for differences in gender strength levels?



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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Setting standards
 - Male scores – 22 Repetitions ✗
 - Female scores – 15 Repetitions ✓

What if the PASS score was 15 for Females and 25 for Males?

- What if below 20 Repetitions was associated with an increased risk of injury – Would that increase the risk of injury to the female? (What is the duty of care?)
- Would that be fair for two people who had to do the same job regardless of gender?



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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Setting standards
 - Male A scores (38 years old) – 22 Repetitions
 - Male B scores (21 years old) – 25 Repetitions



What if the PASS score was 25 for Males?

- Would that account for differences in age related strength levels?



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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Setting standards

- Male A scores (38 years old) – 22 Repetitions
- Male B scores (21 years old) – 25 Repetitions



What if the PASS scores were:

- under 25 years of age – 30 Repetitions
- 25-30 years of age – 25 Repetitions
- 31-39 years of age – 20 Repetitions



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- Would that be fair for two people who had to do the same job regardless of age?

What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Setting standards
 - What about Rank? Do all ranks do the same job?



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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Setting standards
 - What about job role? Do all personnel do the same job?



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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Setting standards
 - The purpose of the testing must be clearly stated and made known to the organization



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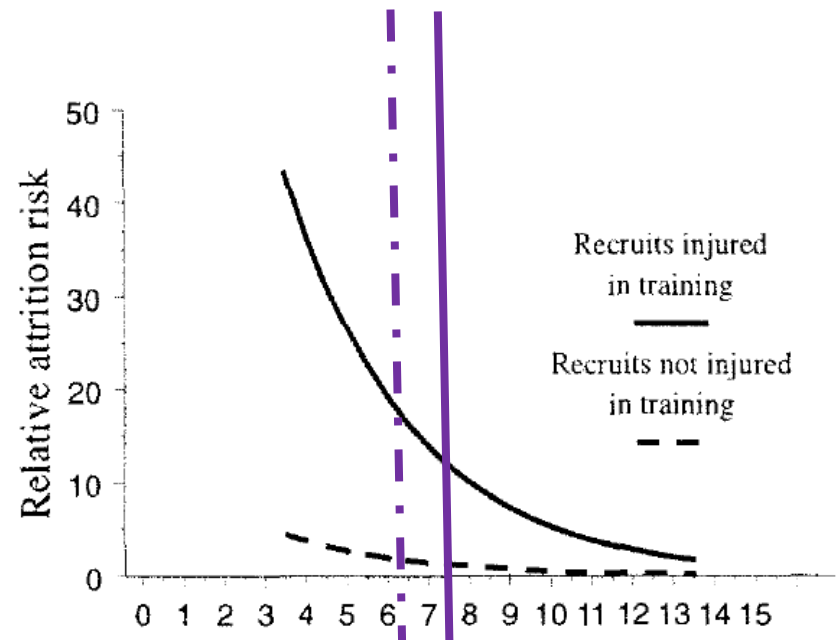
- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/prevention
 - Research has shown, police and army personnel with lower fitness standards more likely to be injured in training



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What is the purpose of the test?

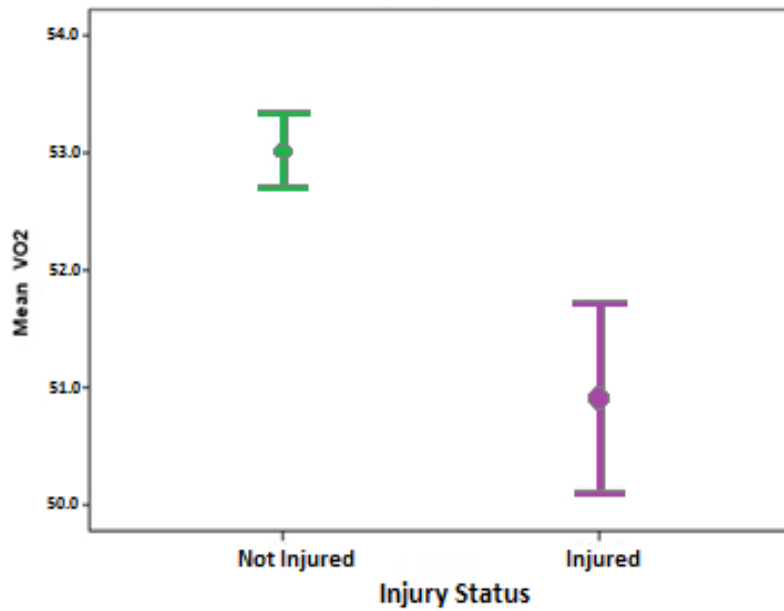
- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/prevention
 - Army Recruits
 - Measure was 20m Shuttle Run
 - Army = L7.5
 - Navy / Air Force = L6.5



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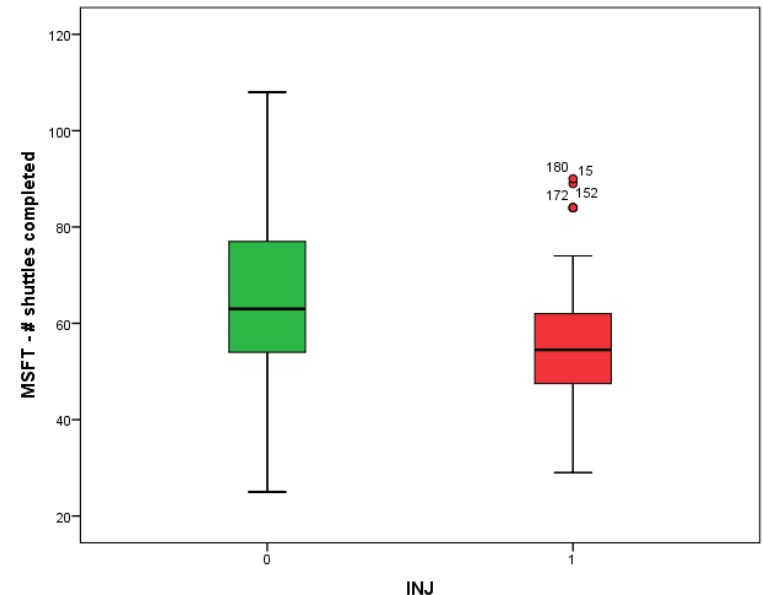
- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/prevention
 - Army Officer Recruits
 - Measure was 20m Shuttle Run
 - Was not an exclusion criterion but used to inform DS



Meigh, N., Steele, M. & Orr, R. M. (2012). Metabolic fitness as a predictor of injury risk in conditioned military trainees undertaking an arduous field training exercise. In N. A. S. Taylor & D. C. Billing (Eds.), *Paper presented at the proceedings of the 1st Australian Conference on Physiological and Physical Employment Standards*.

What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/prevention
 - Police Officer Recruits
 - Measure was 20m Shuttle Run



Non Injured (0) M=65.6 Shuttles / Injured (1) M=55.1 Shuttles
 $p < 0.001$

Orr, et al., Unpublished work

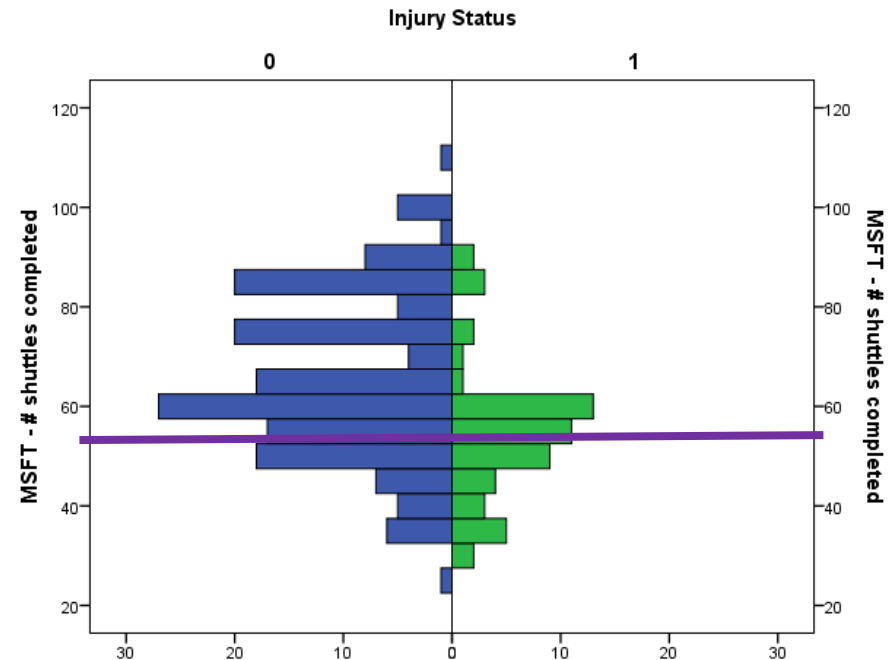
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$$\bullet \ln(\text{inj}) = 1.644 - 0.045 \times \text{MSFT}$$

• So cut off point for MSFT is 51.9366 (Level 6.1 or 1040m)

		Predicted		
		INJ		Percentage Correct
		0	1	
NIL INJ INJ	0	159	4	97.5
	1	49	7	12.5
Overall Percentage				75.8

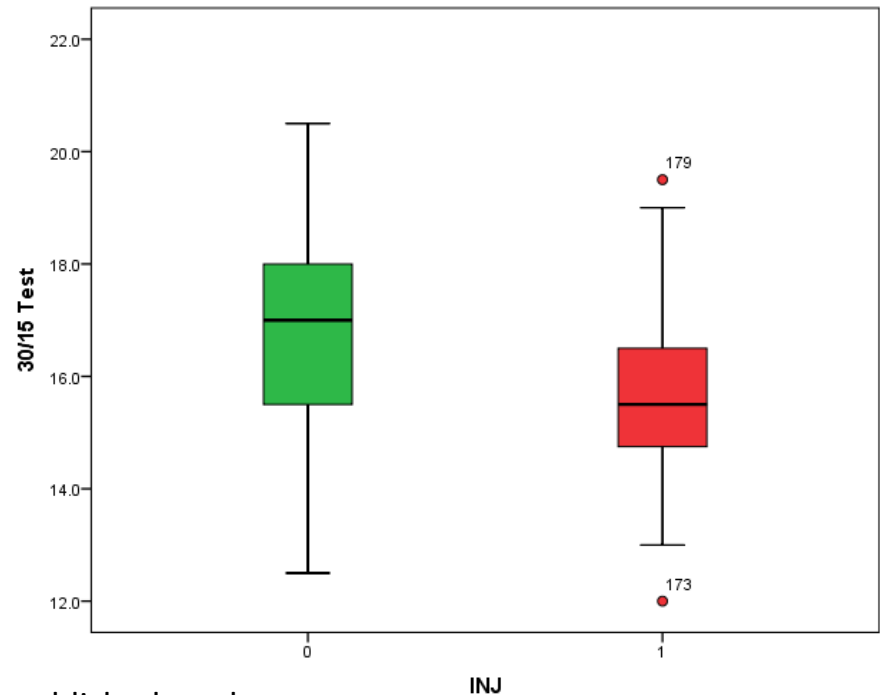


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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/prevention
 - Police Officer Recruits
 - Measure was 30-15 IFT

- Non Injured (0) M=16.9
- Injured (1) M=15.7
- $p < 0.001$

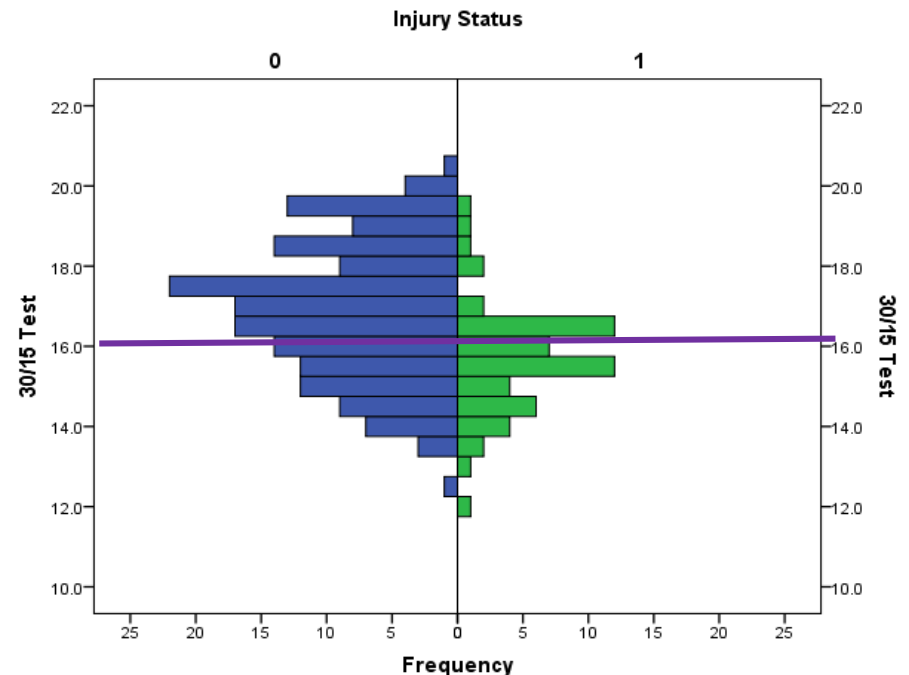


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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/prevention
 - Police Officer Recruits
 - Measure was 30-15 Intermittent Fitness Test

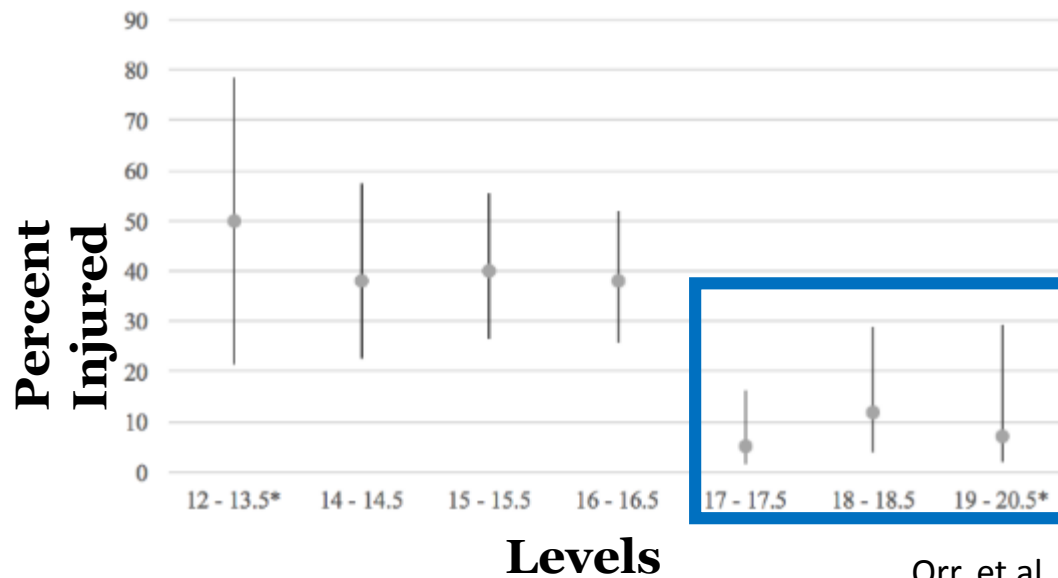
- $\ln(\text{inj}) = 7.456 - .521 \times 30\text{-}15\text{score}$
- So cut off point for 30-15 is 15.65



Orr, et al., Unpublished work

What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/prevention
 - Police Officer Recruits
 - Measure was 30-15 IFT
 - Percent Injured vs. 30-15 IFT Score, 95% CI



Spearman's Rho correlation between injury and 3—15 IFT score

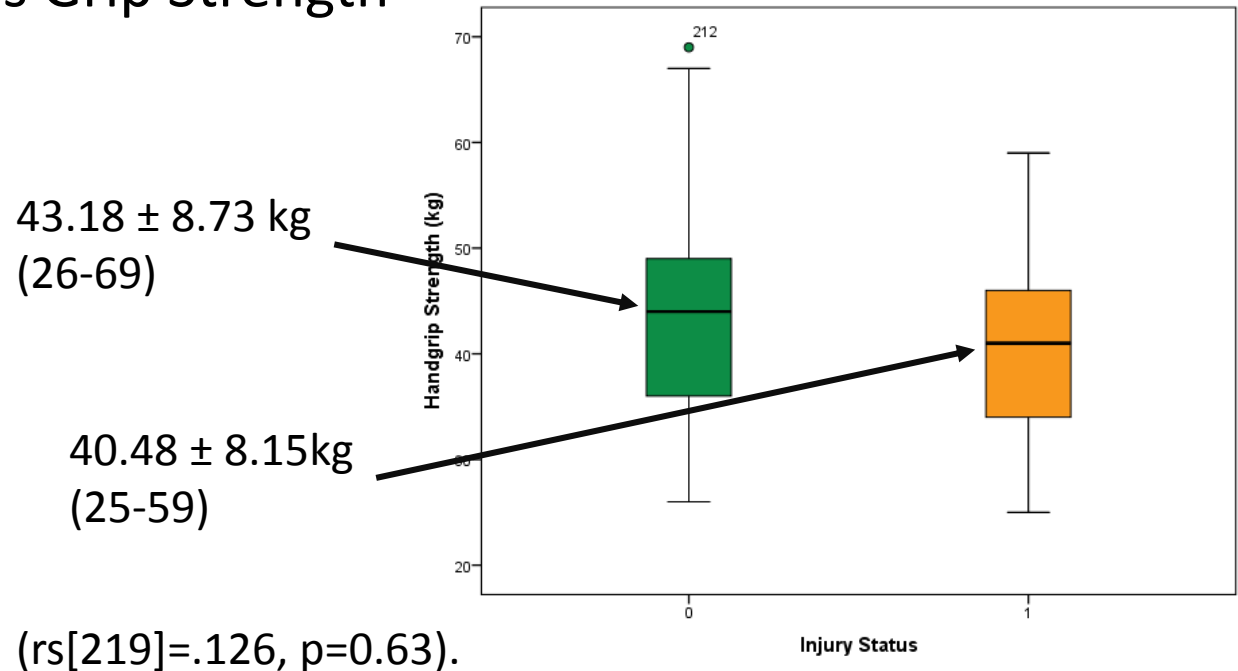
$$r_s = -0.315 \text{ } p < 0.001$$

* Pooled results (small data sets)

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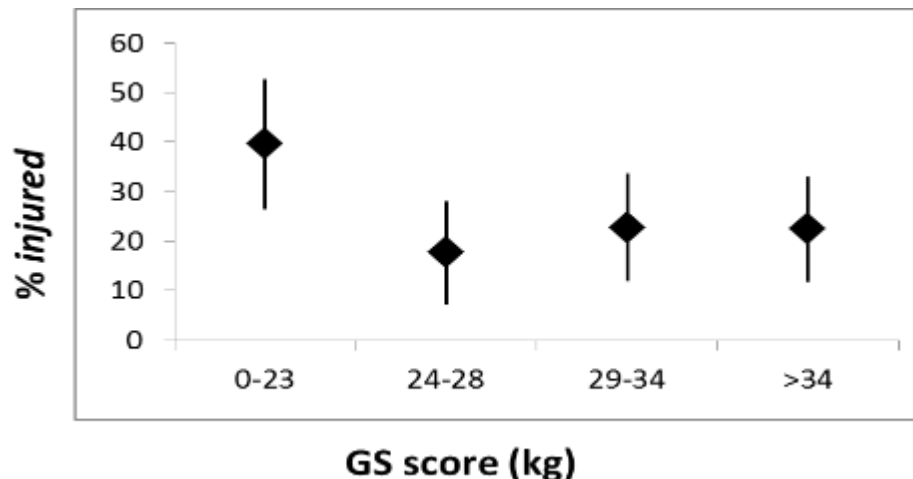
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 - Police Officer Recruits
 - Measure was Grip Strength



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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/prevention
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 - Measure was Grip Strength
 - Percentage of Recruits injured, by GS score, with 95% CI



Spearman's rank-order correlation between injury status & GS score:

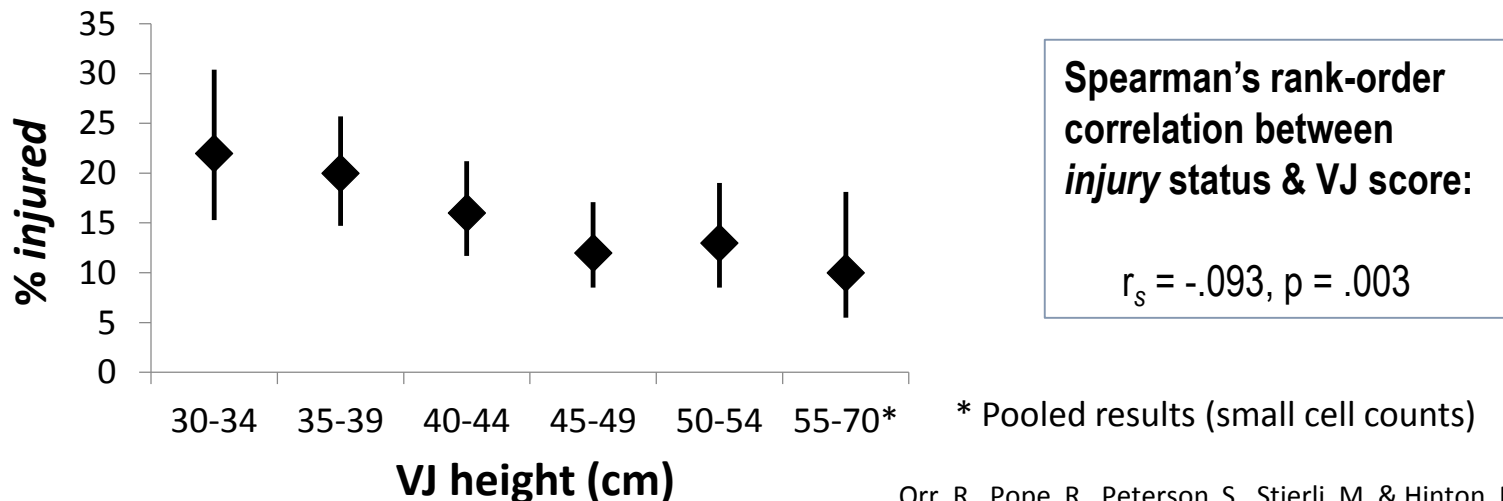
$$r_s = -0.138, p = 0.042$$

*bins in quartile ranges

Stewart et al., unpublished work

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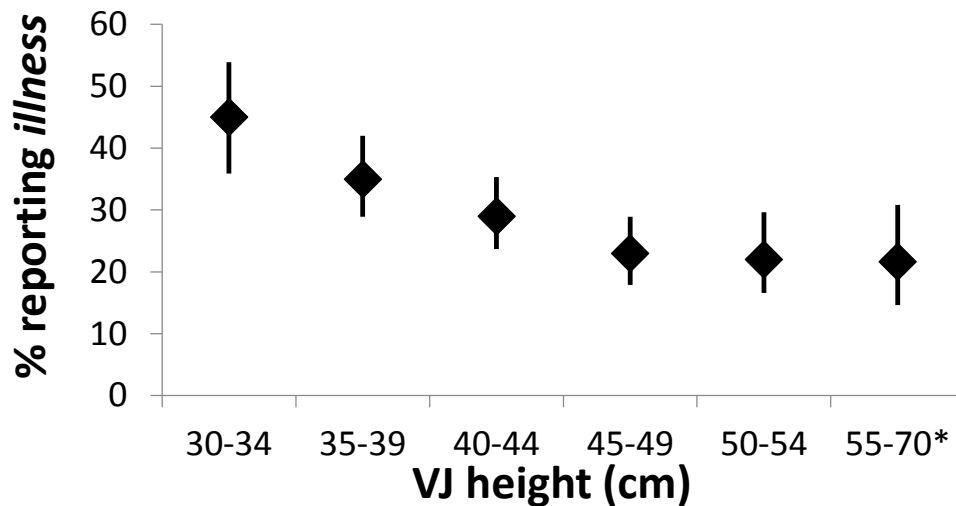
- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/prevention
 - Police Officer Recruits
 - Measure was Vertical Jump
 - Percentage of Recruits **injured**, by VJ height, with 95% CI



Orr, R., Pope, R., Peterson, S., Stierli, M. & Hinton, B. (2016). Leg power as an indicator for risk of injury or illness in police recruits, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health– 13, 237; pp.1-10.
doi:10.3390/ijerph13020237

What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/prevention
 - Police Officer Recruits
 - Measure was Vertical Jump
 - Percentage of Recruits reporting illness, by VJ height, with 95% CI



Spearman's rank-order correlation between *illness* status & VJ score:

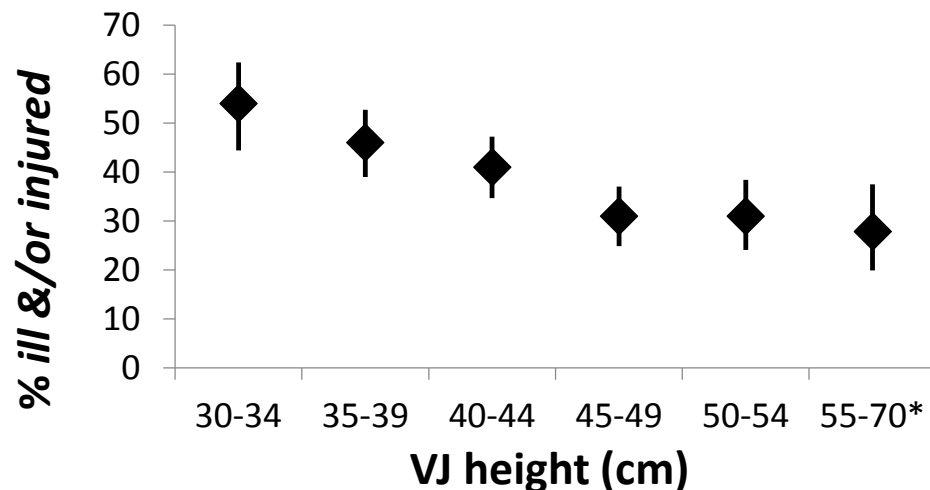
$$r_s = -.157, p < .001$$

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 - Measure was Vertical Jump
 - Percentage of Recruits reporting illness &/or injury, by VJ height, with 95% CI



Spearman's rank-order correlation between *illness/injury status & VJ score*:

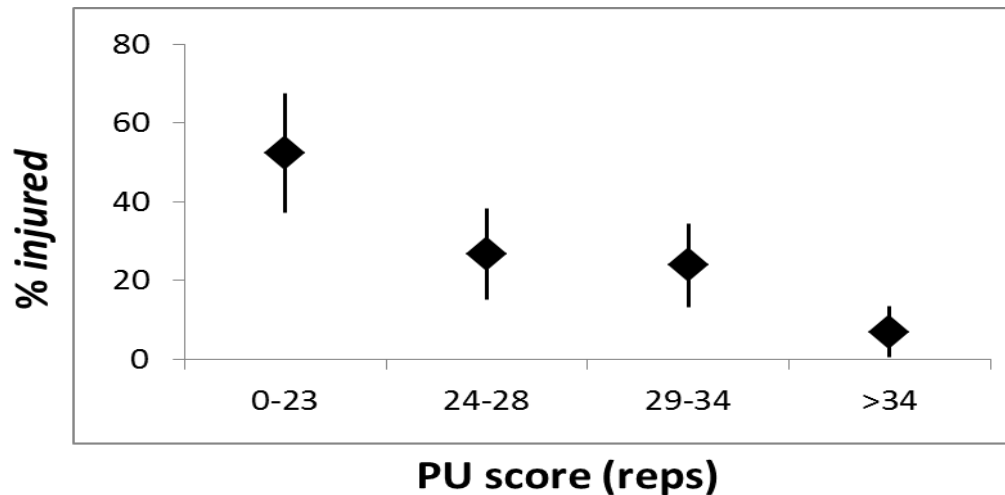
$$r_s = -.170, p < .001$$

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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/prevention
 - Police Officer Recruits
 - Measure was Push Ups
 - Percentage of Recruits injured, by PU score, with 95% CI



Spearman's rank-order correlation between injury status & PU score:

$$r_s = -0.348, p < 0.001$$

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Stewart et al., unpublished work

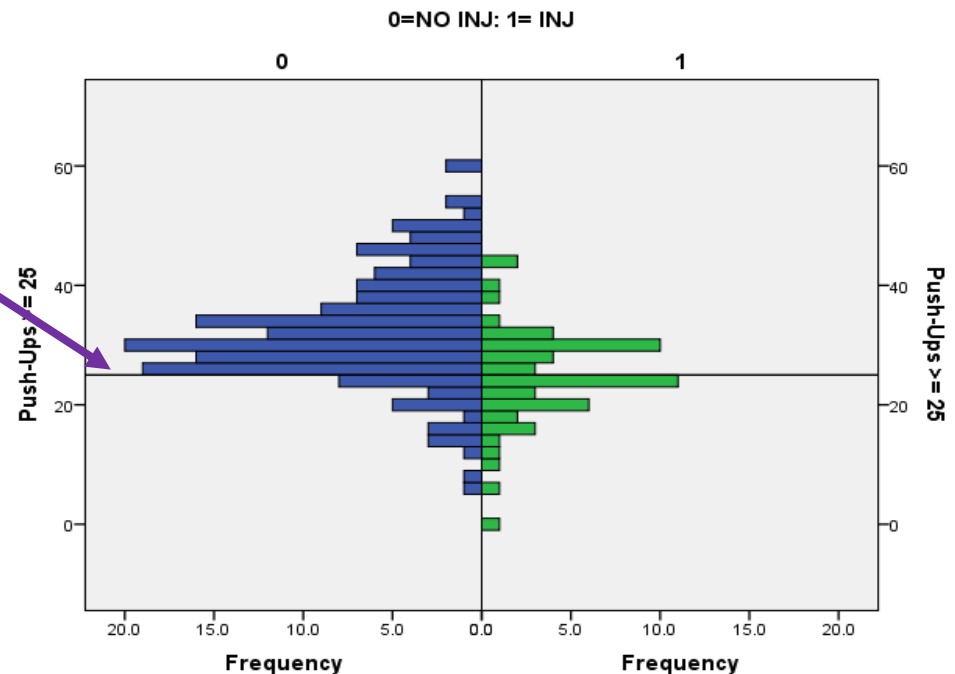
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 - Police Officer Recruits
 - Measure was Push Ups

Pass rate for police recruits = 25 PU

25.6% did not achieve 25 PU (n=56)

Of those 53.7% sustained injury



Stewart et al., unpublished work

What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/ survivability
- Australian Army Special Forces Entry Test



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What is the purpose of the test?

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- Australian Army Special Forces Entry Test

	Pass	Fail (All Candidates)	Fail (Excluding 20-km March Fails)
<i>n</i>	39	65	38
SFET Assessments			
Maximal Aerobic Capacity ($\text{mL}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$)	55.1 ± 3.3	54.2 ± 2.8	54.8 ± 3.3
5-km March (Minutes)	45.2 ± 2.4	45.9 ± 2.2	45.2 ± 1.6
Push-ups (Repetitions)	69 ± 12	$63 \pm 12^*$	$63 \pm 14^*$
Sit-ups (Level)	4.6 ± 1.3	4.2 ± 1.4	4.4 ± 1.3
Heaves (Repetitions)	12 ± 2	12 ± 2	12 ± 2
Agility (Seconds)	8.1 ± 0.6	8.0 ± 0.7	7.9 ± 0.8
Swim (Minutes)	8.6 ± 1.2	8.9 ± 1.2	8.9 ± 1.2
Flexibility (cm)	31.2 ± 5.9	30.3 ± 5.6	30.5 ± 6.0
Jump Height (cm)	55.7 ± 7.1	55.6 ± 6.8	55.9 ± 6.6
Barrier Assessments			
3.2-km Battle Run (Minutes)	15.0 ± 0.7	$15.5 \pm 1.1^*$	15.1 ± 0.7
20-km March (Minutes)	182.9 ± 9.0	$192.0 \pm 9.6^*$	$187.6 \pm 7.3^*$

*Significantly different from the pass group, $p < 0.05$.

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- Purpose of the testing – Injury prediction/ survivability
- Tactical Operations Unit (Special Weapons and Tactics)



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GROUPS	Group 1 (failed BFA)	Group 2 (passed BFA, failed to complete SSC)	Group 3 (completed SSC - not selected)	Group 4 (completed SSC - selected)	Correlation between characteristic & level of success
	Mean \pm SD	Mean \pm SD	Mean \pm SD	Mean \pm SD	r_s , p
Pull Ups (reps)	12.63 \pm 3.89	15.75 \pm 6.14	14.57 \pm 1.90	16.10 \pm 3.38	0.41, p=.017*
Push Ups (reps)	46.00 \pm 9.15	50.38 \pm 9.37	47.57 \pm 3.26	58.80 \pm 11.89	0.45, p=.009**
Ab Str (Level 1-7)	2.63 \pm 0.74	3.00 \pm 0.00	3.00 \pm 0.00	3.00 \pm 0.00	0.35, p=.049*
March (secs)	4935.00 \pm 770.01	4763.00 \pm 176.96	4990.29 \pm 300.81	4659.40 \pm 233.19	-0.33, p=.078
MSFT (no. of shuttles)	95.00 \pm 0.00 [#]	102.88 \pm 12.11	101.00 \pm 12.72	101.60 \pm 6.11	0.11, p=.585
Agility run (secs)	22.40 \pm 0.00 [#]	17.93 \pm 1.08	17.08 \pm 1.43	17.12 \pm 0.53	-0.40, p=.043*
Lift and carry (secs)	173.00 \pm 0.00 [#]	174.00 \pm 15.68	178.00 \pm 8.76	160.60 \pm 9.85	-0.49, p=0.010*
300m swim (secs)	-	794.75 \pm 95.63	903.00 \pm 29.63	702.30 \pm 137.53	-0.32, p=.118

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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Occupational capability
- Based on capability rather than gender or age



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http://chicagoareafire.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Haak_CalPark_005.jpg

What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Occupational capability
 - What is needed to complete key tasks



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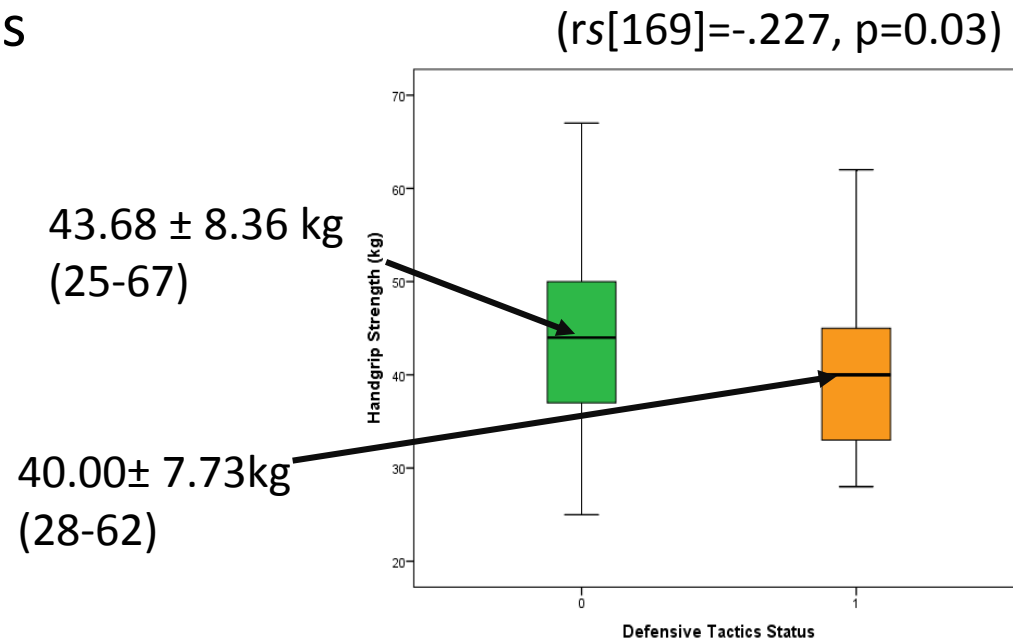


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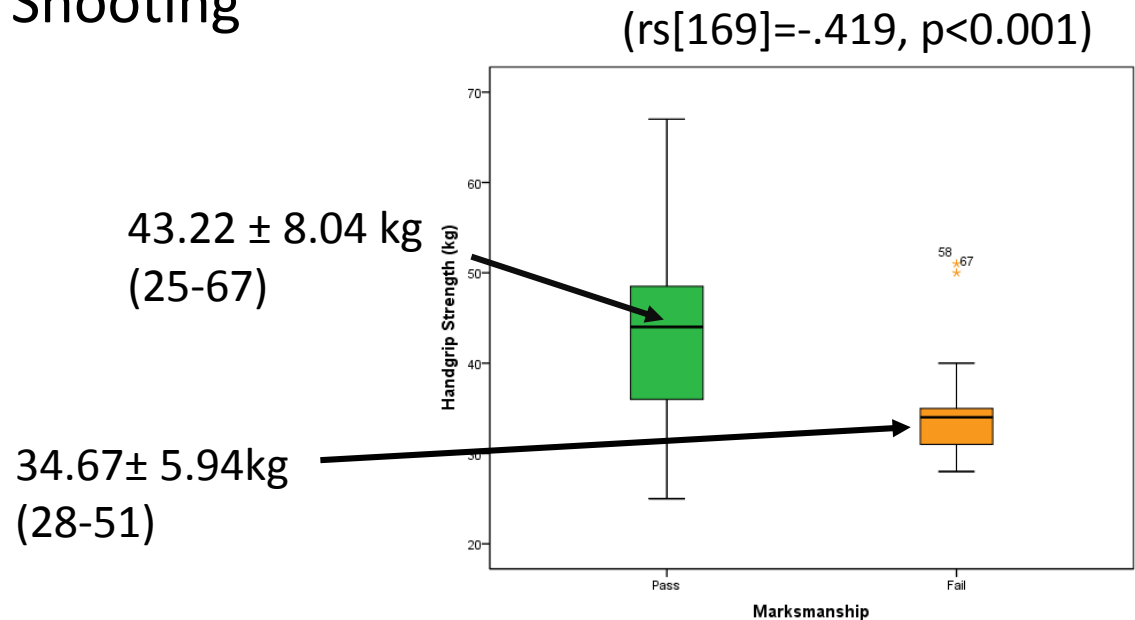
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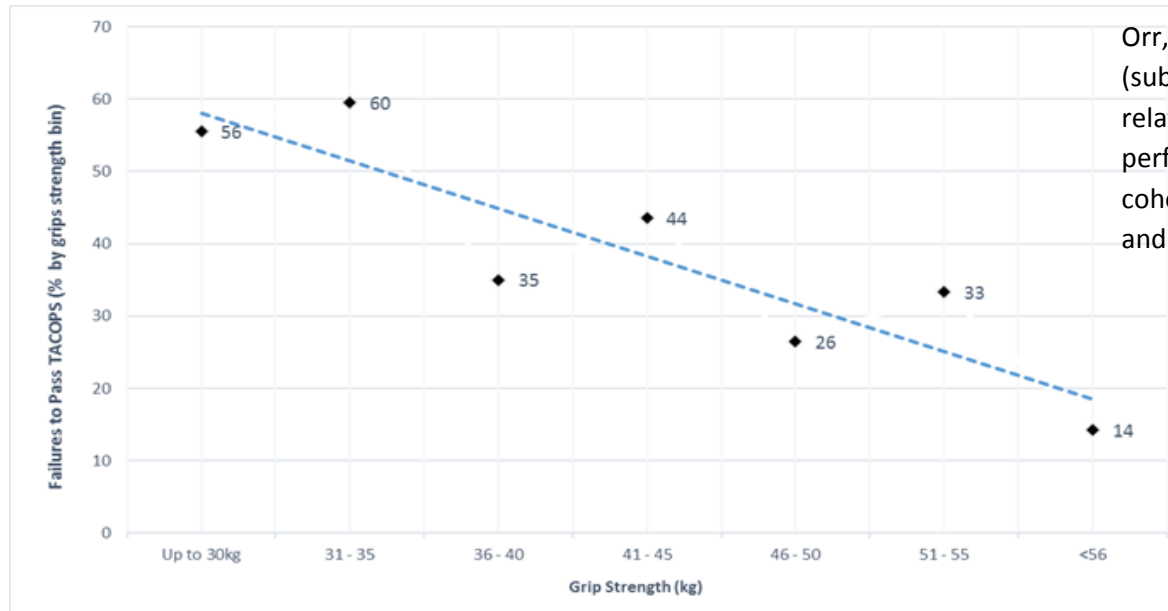
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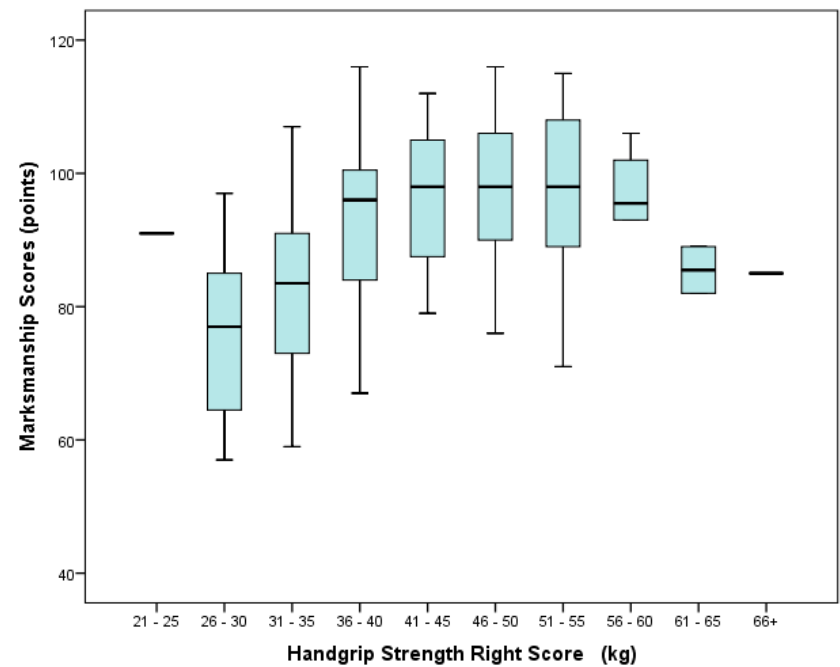
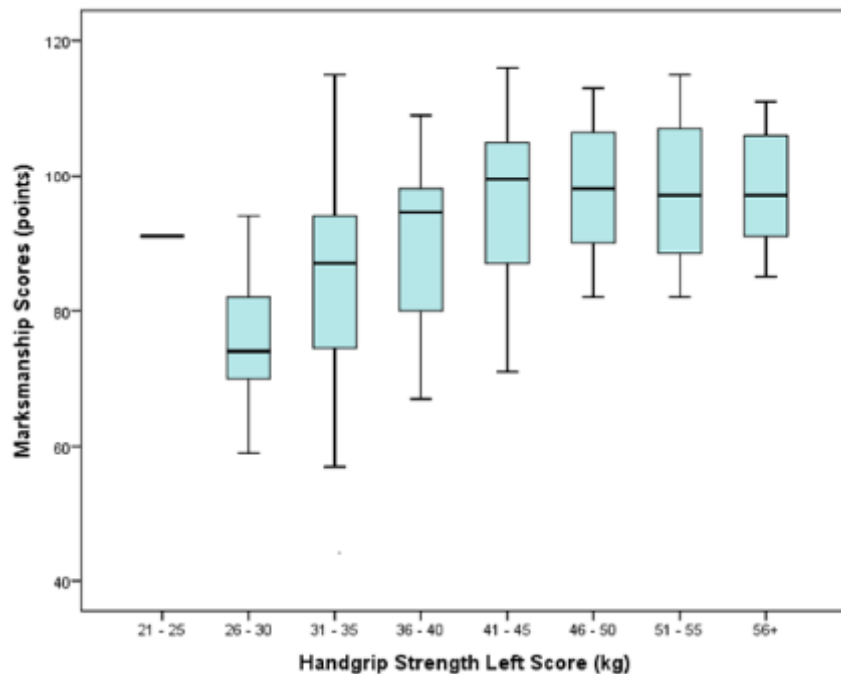


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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Occupational capability
 - Australian Army - Physical Employments Standards Army (PESA)



Assessment	Overview	AC PESA	CA PESA	Infantry PESA
Weight Load March	March with load at a rate of 5.5km/h (11min per km)	5km – 22kg load Time: 50-55 minutes	10km – 38kg load Time: 100-110 minutes	15km – 45kg load Time: 150-165 minutes

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Fire & Movement Simulation	Complete 6m bounds (every 20 secs) to a cadence track (pers have 5 secs to reach 6m mark with 15 sec rest)	12 x 6m bounds	16 x 6m bounds + 18m leopard crawl	1km move with 22kg load in 8 minutes + 16 x 6m bounds + 18m leopard crawl
Casualty Drag	Drag casualty dummy (approx 82kg) 10m in 10 secs	N/A	N/A	Drag casualty dummy 10m in 10 secs
Lift & Carry	Carry 2 x 22kg jerry cans in 25m legs to a cadence track (20 sec per 25m with 5 sec rest)	6 x 25m legs	11 x 25m legs Artillery only - Carry 1 x 43kg inert round 10 x 10m legs to a cadence track	11 x 25m legs
Box Lift & Place	Lift a weighted box from the ground to a 1.5m high platform using a prescribed lifting technique	25kg	30kg Combat Engineer only – 40kg	35kg

What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – General health
 - Considers gender and age
 - Predictor of mortality



<http://www.army.gov.au/~//media/Images/Army%20Life/ARTC/Images/Fitness%20preparation%20460X306.ashx?h=306&w=460>



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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – General health
 - Differences in gender

	♀	♂
Age (yrs)	36.21±8.45	39.52±8.09
Weight (kg)	67.49±25.62	91.99±19.54 [†]
Height (cm)	164.65±29.82	177.98±23.13 [†]
Vertical Jump (cm.)	36.80±5.69	50.74±8.89 [†]
Leg/Back Dynamometer (kg)	116.53±20.85	170.68±37.46 [†]
Grip (kg)	37.875±5.34	55.04±7.77 [†]
Push-ups (repetitions)	24.24±11.63	39.09±15.61 [†]
Sit-ups (repetitions)	31.06±9.52	34.46±10.29
Shuttles (number)	26.19±10.86	38.04±19.87 [†]

Dawes, J. Flores, R., Orr, R., Lockie, R. Kornhauser, C. & Holmes, R. (submitted) Health and performance related physical fitness profiles of state highway patrol officers with age and gender comparisons

What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – General health
 - Differences in age (shuttle run)

Age group	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59
Mean (SD)	55.63 (20.90)	42.19 (19.85)	31.31 (15.52)	26.74 (13.20)
95	89.91	74.74	56.76	48.39
90	82.38	67.60	51.18	43.64
60	60.86	47.15	35.19	30.04
55	58.35	44.77	33.33	28.46
50	55.63	42.19	31.31	26.74
45	52.91	39.61	29.29	25.02
40	50.41	37.23	27.43	23.44
10	28.88	16.78	11.44	9.84
5	21.35	9.64	5.86	5.09

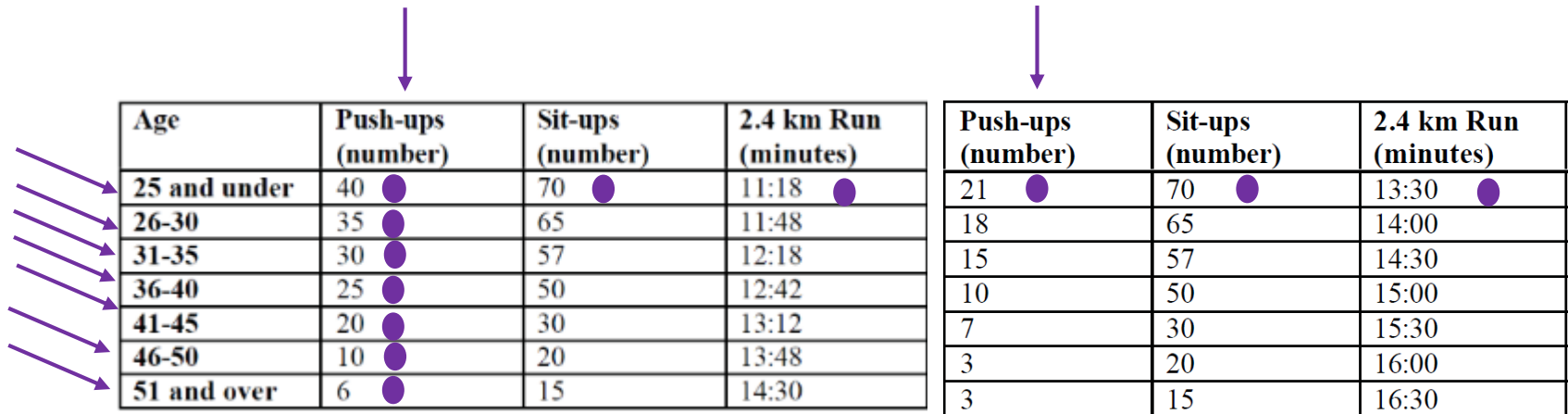
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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – General health
 - Differences in gender and age

The Australian Army Basic Fitness Assessment



Age	Push-ups (number)	Sit-ups (number)	2.4 km Run (minutes)
25 and under	40 ●	70 ●	11:18 ●
26-30	35 ●	65	11:48
31-35	30 ●	57	12:18
36-40	25 ●	50	12:42
41-45	20 ●	30	13:12
46-50	10 ●	20	13:48
51 and over	6 ●	15	14:30

Push-ups (number)	Sit-ups (number)	2.4 km Run (minutes)
21 ●	70 ●	13:30 ●
18	65	14:00
15	57	14:30
10	50	15:00
7	30	15:30
3	20	16:00
3	15	16:30

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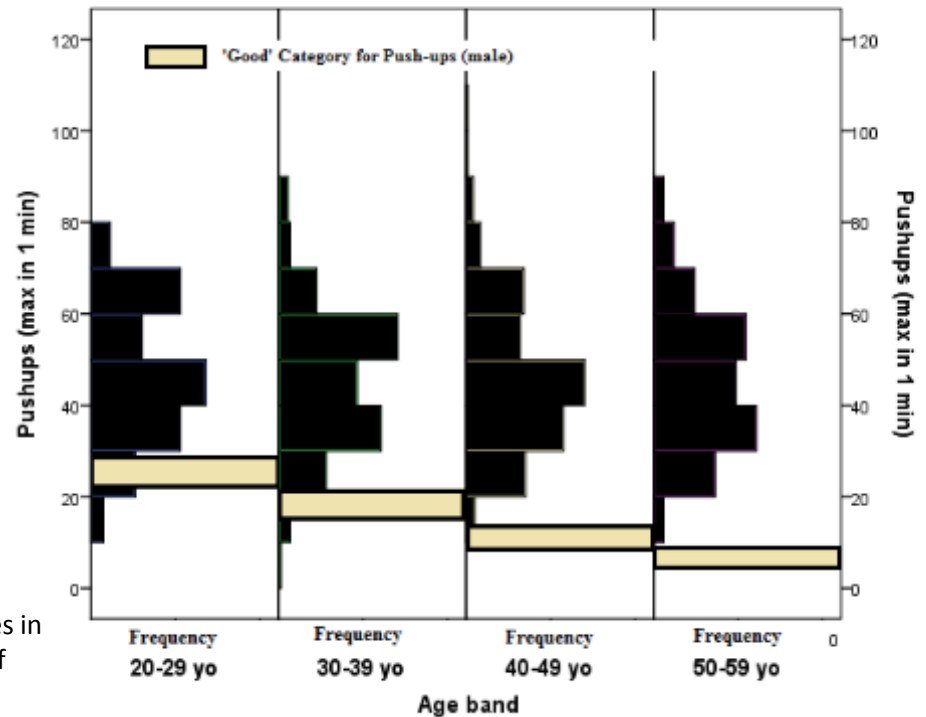
The US Army Physical Fitness Test

PUSH-UPS MALE										
AGE GROUP	17–21	22–26	27–31	32–36	37–41	42–46	47–51	52–56	57–61	62+
MAXIMUM 100%	71	75	77	75	73	66	59	56	53	50
MINIMUM 60%	42	40	39	36	34	30	25	20	18	16

PUSH-UPS FEMALE										
AGE GROUP	17–21	22–26	27–31	32–36	37–41	42–46	47–51	52–56	57–61	62+
MAXIMUM 100%	42	46	50	45	40	37	34	31	28	25
MINIMUM 60%	19	17	17	15	13	12	10	9	8	7

What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – General health
 - Differences in gender and age
 - What are standards based on? Normative population?

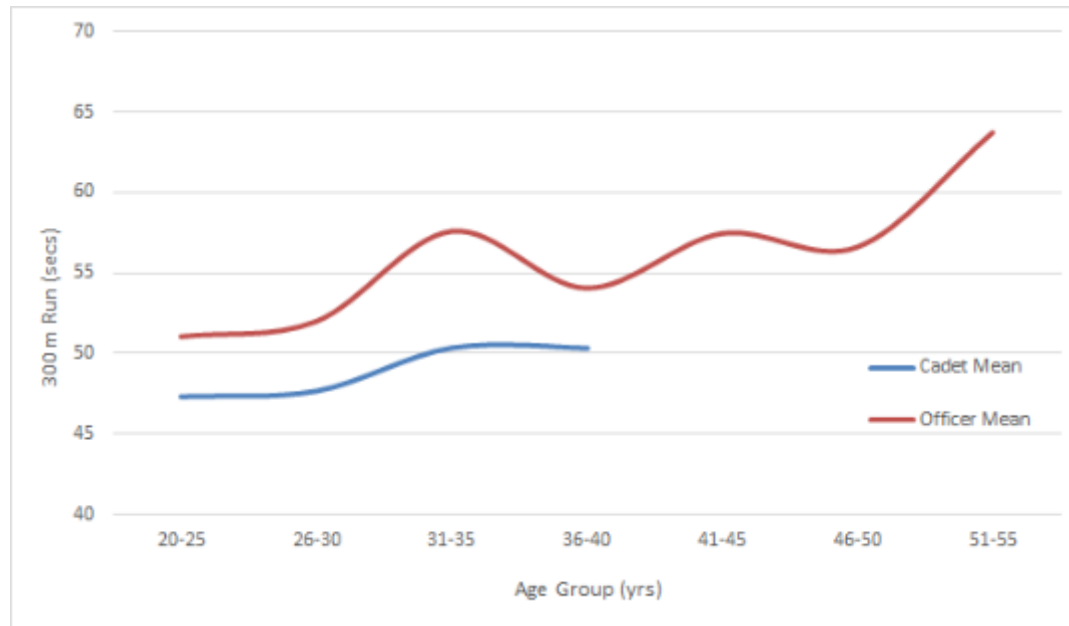


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- Purpose of the testing – General health
 - Differences in gender and age
 - Stage of training?

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What is the purpose of the test?

- Purpose of the testing – Validation
- To review the effectiveness of training through evidence based research
 - Data collected pre- and post- training programs
 - Subjects : 90 male (n = 70) and female (n = 20) police cadets aged from 21 to 44 years (27.4 ± 5.9 years) from US Police Department
 - 2 Different conditioning programs

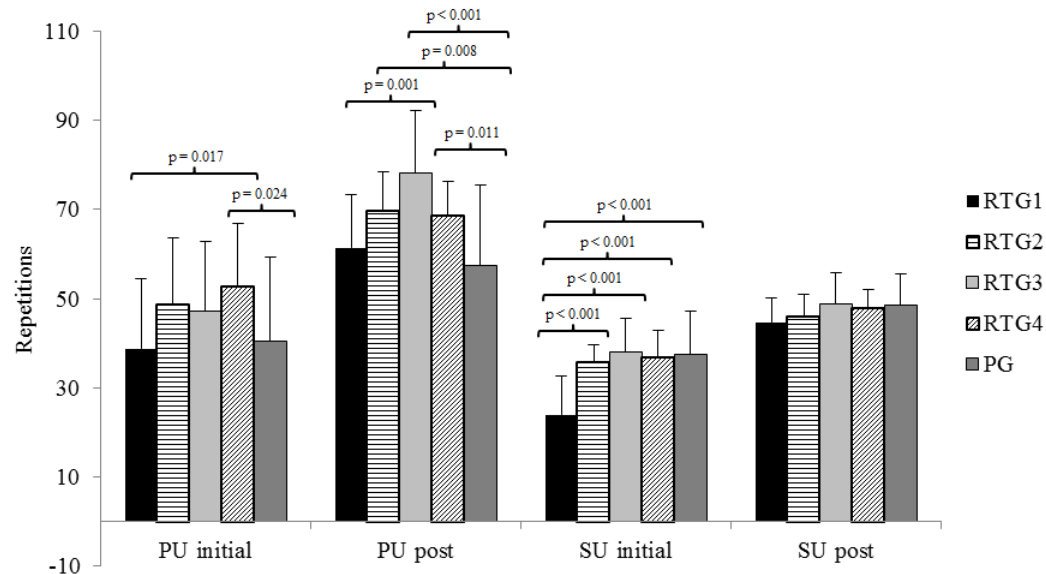
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- Purpose of the testing – Validation

PURPOSE OF TESTING – RESEARCH (VALIDATE TRAINING)

- To review the effectiveness of training through evidence based research



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Designing the Assessment

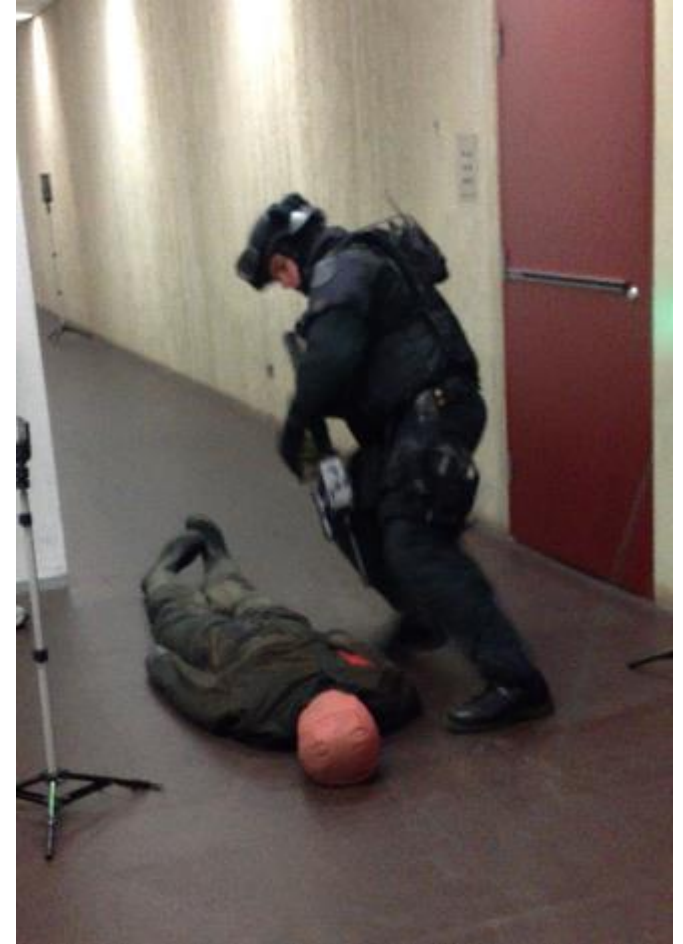
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- Reason for the testing
 - Injury prediction / occupational performance / health?
- Needs analysis
 - What is known
 - E.g. current standards / normative data
 - What do we need to know
 - E.g. most important tasks? types of injuries?
- Identify key requirements for identified tasks
 - Eg. Use of force - AnPwr. / MStr./ MEnd.
- Suitable Tests
 - Valid?
 - As many characteristics as possible



Designing the Assessment

- Performance criteria
 - What standards and why?
 - Legally defensible



Designing / Applying the Assessment

- Logistics and Procedure
 - Viability (1 RM for 300 soldiers)
 - Testing sequence
 - Shuttle Run 1st as it included a warm up?
 - Equipment and locations



Designing / Applying the Assessment

- Health and Safety Considerations
 - Temp, humidity, lightning, medical history, trainers, emergency response plan
 - Emergency facilities
- Selection and Training of Testers
 - Proper training on technique and administration (number per station)
- Test Format and Sequencing
 - Time starts, # groups, rest
- Record Keeping / Data entry
 - Who?



In-depth look at Designing the Assessment Framework – Law Enforcement

Jay Dawes, Trooper Charles Kornhauser & Master Trooper Ryan Holmes

- Toward Validation: The Colorado State Highway Patrol Project
- Wednesday, April 5, 2016: 15:00-15:50

In-depth look at Designing the Assessment Framework – Military

Tim Doyle

- Scientifically Defensible Physical Testing for Tactical Operators
- Wednesday, April 5, 2016: 08:00-08:50

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- It is vital you know WHY you are doing / designing a fitness assessment framework
- Standards need to consider this reason and take into account the intent of the assessment (e.g. fitness or occupational performance)
- The application of the assessment framework
 - How will it work?
 - Can it be done with large numbers/equipment needs/staff needs



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